Wage revision for Public Sector Employees

3426. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that so far Government have not been able to settle the problem of wage revision for public sector employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at various levels, the public sector employees are not satisfied with the interim relief; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Wage revision are concluded between the employees and the managements of the public sector units bilaterally within certain broad policy parameters laid down by the Government.

(b) and (c) The following major issues have been raised—

(i) Extension of Interim relief to all non-executive employees.

(ii) Adjustability of Interim relief in future wage agreements.

(iii) Reckoning interim relief for computation of pay related allowances, perquisites etc.

Hera Process Platform

3427. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the bidding for Hera Process platform at Bombay the price quoted even by the lowest bidder is higher by a hundred crores than that estimated by the Public Investment Board;

(b) whether this has been cleared at record speed without proper evaluation, resulting in abnormal increase in price, in contrast with the world trends;

(c) whether no convincing reasons have been given for recommending this purchase; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Problmes of Polyster Industry

3428. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the polyester industry has become sick for the last one year and thereby some of the units have been closed in our country; and

(b) whether Government are proposing new policy initiative to help the polyester industry in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Of late, the Polyester Staple Fibre industry has been facing marketing constraints for a variety of reasons including bunching of commissioning of a number of new units. As a result, some polyster staple fibre manufacturing units had closed down.

(b) In the Finance Bill 1988 Excise Duty on Polyester Staple Fibre has been reduced by Rs. 10/- kg.